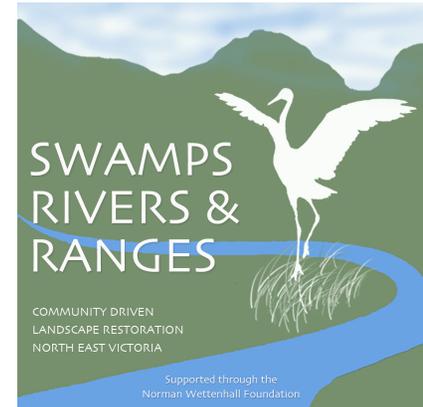


Minutes
 SRR 10am 6th March 2015
 Rural City of Wangaratta Offices
 Warby Room



<p>1. Present: Stephen Routledge, Jim Grant, Scott Draper, Phil Browne, Beth Mellick, Geoff Park, Andrew Briggs, Karen Tymms and Gayle South</p>	<p>FOLLOW UP ACTION</p>
<p>2. Apologies : Jenny Davidson, Jenny Indian, Mary Anderson, Jenny Pena, Tom Croft, Richard McTiernan and Bronwyn Chapman.</p>	
<p>3. Actions From Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Funding guidelines for two grants which Beth sent around</p> <p>Incorporation: Models for an incorporated association. Jim Grant Jim has provided a draft for incorporation based on the model provided. Discussion on number of members and to how they are elected. Elected office bearers including treasurer, secretary and president. Stephen to circulate the draft to the committee for comment. Next meeting we will decide on office bearers. Purpose needs to be consistent with blueprint and all purposes need to be incorporated in the draft. Send around list of purposes around in between this and next meeting for comment and input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen to circulate the draft model for incorporation to the committee for comment • Send list of purposes around in between this and next meeting for comment and input.
<p>4. Further Funding From NWF Beth Mellick</p> <p>Two new grants will hit the bank account on Monday. The grants are consistent with stage 1 of the project. Collecting base line data and research. The project manager will coordinate the funding as there is no additional funding for wages.</p>	

Grant 1: Bird monitoring project

Chris Tsaros, consultant will be engaged to run the bird monitoring project, Stephen has secured funding from Landcare, Amber croft to run the workshops. Chris will set up the monitoring sites and this needs to be mapped in a GIS system. Stephen will organise the GIS component. The data then needs to be linked to the atlas of living Australia. Press release has already generated interest in the bird monitoring project.

Geoff discussed the methodology of the bird monitoring program and it's efficacy. The foundation is very interested in groups establishing baseline data so the effects of the project are measurable. Birds are the most measurable indicators of environmental health.

Brolgas are an icon species which are recognisable in the region and there is a groundswell of interest in this species. Rutherglen Landcare is conducting a brolga project which could have links to SRR.

Two other projects are conducting bird monitoring projects.

It would be good to capture vegetation composition and structure of the sites when the bird surveys are being conducted. Photo point monitoring?

Existing data already exists across the landscape, ie dockers plains etc. good opportunity to examine existing data and validate it through a consultant. Some of this data may be biased as birds generally go where the birds are.

Bird monitoring is a good way to engage people in the project. Data confidence is an issue and NECMA are looking at apps which can filter data.

Promotion is very important in this aspect of the project. Analysing the data is important but engaging with The community and turning around the data is really important. The other grant can be integral in working with the bird project in terms of promotion, educational materials etc.

Grant 2: Education Materials

Stephen outlined some ideas for education materials as detailed in brief from Jenny Indian. Stephen met with Linda Anania from seed project. Poster was slated as a good mechanism to engage. Gayle mentioned the DSE brochures are all very we'll received and walk out the door. Discussion on size A3 or A2?

Jim mentioned that we could engage newspapers to publish eg weekly times. NWF is funding study with RMIT on enviro education and what is the most effective method. Make sure that the educational material is connected back to the aims of the project. Should we be aiming to have a broad impact or a targeted impact? Would be interesting to see the work that RMIT are doing.

Website could be a conduit for educational materials. Discussion on which schools could be engaged, Whitfield and Glenrowan. Apps/websites should be targeted and need to have a purpose. Outdoor schools at Bogong and 15 Mile Creek camps could be used to engage more children. They are looking at interactive apps that kids can use to engage with the community.

NWF experience with apps is that they cost a lot and the budget tends to blow out. Possible to partner with other organisations. Rob Carolane has set up a framework for Winton Wetlands for community engagement. CFA has a process that measures the success of their community engagement. We could use the WW framework and talk to Rob about how it is adapted.

<p>5. Blueprint: Further discussion as required. There have been some changes to the document and we are still working on the aboriginal heritage page. Bronwyns changes are yet to be added to the blueprint. Gibb Is doing the final edit of the blueprint and it is looking pretty good. The time of printing needs to be a line in the sand and the project moves forward after the launch.</p>	
<p>2015 Ground Truthing/verification of Blueprint.</p> <p>How do we go about groundtruthing and selection of projects? Eternal dilemma for NWF funded projects. Discussion around ranking matrices that TFN uses, important that the group comes up with a transparent and systematic way of assessing the projects. Ranking systems can be quite ad hoc and dodgy. This project also has a human element that needs to be considered which is not picked up in an INFERR process.</p> <p>Important to work closely with Landcare and OLN to identify projects and not to double up on projects and coordinate applications. Stephen will collate individual project information into a spreadsheet. This stage is an important phase of stage 2 of the SRR project. It would be good to have the blueprint ready for the AGM of the OLN. Stephen will send out a list of projects, with a matrix of biological need, capacity and willingness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen will collate individual project information into a spreadsheet • Stephen will send out a list of projects, with a matrix of biological need, capacity and willingness
<p>Bank Account Treasurers report needs to be tabled at each meeting both from indigo and from the project funds</p>	
<p>6. Any Other business (AOB) Action list to be included in the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott to compile action list from the minutes of meeting
<p>7. NEXT MEETING Next Meeting Date Friday 10th April</p>	

